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XVIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL AND MEETING OF

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1. THE MEETING OPENED WITH A PLENARY SESSION OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL. THE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE WAS SET, THE AGENDA APPROVED, AND CREDENTIALS PRESENTED. AFTER THE PLENARY, WORK WAS CONTINUED IN THE THREE WORKING GROUPS. A SUMMARY OF THIS WORK FOLLOWS:

2. ADMIN.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REVIEWED PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND SOUGHT TO INSURE THE MULTINATIONALITY OF PROJECTS BY REQUIRING WRITTEN ENDORSEMENT OF EACH NATIONAL SECTION. A RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED CALLING FOR AN EVALUATION OF THE PRESENT STRUCTURE OF PAIGH UTILIZING THE SERVICES OF AN OAS SPECIALIST, WITH COSTS NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000. PAN AMERICAN CENTER FOR GEOGRAPHIC TEACHING AND RESEARCH WILL CONTINUE AS A MAJOR TRAINING CENTER, WITH ANTICIPATED EXPANSION OF ITS FUNCTIONS IN GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION.

3. FINANCE COMMITTEE.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 1978 TO DECEMBER 31, 1979 (18 MONTH PERIOD) WHICH IS WITHIN PAIGH PRESENT RESOURCES. IT ALSO PASSED A RESOLUTION
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INCREASING OVERALL QUOTA PAYMENTS FROM \$320,000 TO \$450,000 PER YEAR. THE U. S. DELEGATION DID NOT SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION, EXPLAINING THAT THE U. S. CONGRESS HAD SET A STATUTORY LIMITATION OF \$200,000 ON THE U. S. ASSESSMENT. THE MEXICAN REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT HIS COUNTRY SUPPORTS THE NEW ASSESSMENT AFTER ITS CONGRESS APPROVED THE INCREASE OF MEXICO'S QUOTA.

4. SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE.

REVIEWED RESOLUTIONS OF THE XI PAIGH GA AND ALL WORK PROJECTS FOR THEIR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INTEGRITY. FOUR NEW RESOLUTIONS WERE DRAFTED--A CARRY OVER RESOLUTION OF SIGNIFICANCE TO THE U. S. DEALING WITH 1/250,000 SCALE HEMISPHERIC MAPPING PROGRAM. CHAIRMAN OF CARTOGRAPHIC COMMITTEE TABLED THE RESOLUTION INDICATING ADDITIONAL WORK HAD TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO PRESENTATION. HOPEFULLY, WORK WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN NEXT YEAR.

5. AT THE FINAL PLENARY SESSION OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL, THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUPS WERE APPROVED. THE CLOSING CEREMONY COMMEMORATED THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY. PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO OF MEXICO ATTENDED AND DELIVERED A SHORT, IMPRESSIVE CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE IN WHICH HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE GREAT ADVANCES OF PAIGH IN CARTOGRAPHY, GEOGRAPHY, GEODESY, AND HISTORY OVER THE PAST FIFTY YEARS. HE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED MEXICO'S ROLE AS HOST OF THE PAIGH AND ASSURED MEXICO'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR PAIGH.

6. AT A RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE U. S. DELEGATION, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE U. S. DELEGATION PRESENTED A COMMEMORATIVE PLAGUE TO THE PRESIDENT OF PAIGH, COL. MARIO JIMENEZ MONTERO, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTO GEOGRAFICO MILITAR OF ECUADOR.

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